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## **Governor O'Malley "EmPOWERs Clean Energy Communities" With Over \$3 Million for Energy Improvements throughout Maryland**

ANNAPOLIS, MD: Governor Martin O'Malley announced today the award recipients for round one of the "EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities" grant program, which helps local governments and nonprofits fund energy efficiency projects specifically for low to moderate income Marylanders. The grants, overseen by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), are providing a total of over \$3 million this fiscal year, broken into two rounds, to local governments and nonprofits across our *One Maryland*. The first round of these funds will be used to perform energy makeovers to save money for at an estimated 1,000 low and moderate income Maryland families. Governor O'Malley also announced the start of round two for additional counties who did not exhaust their available funding for projects in round one.

"These grants are an example of exactly the type of efficiency projects we had intended for Maryland communities and families when we entered into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the nation's first multi-state collaborative carbon cap-and-trade program," said Governor O'Malley. "These grants are another step forward in our goal to make Maryland's future cleaner, greener, and more sustainable for all our citizens."

Approximately \$2 million in grants are being awarded in round one to a wide variety of projects that will jumpstart energy savings and decrease monthly electricity bills. The MEA is providing a total of 24 grants to 13 Maryland Counties in round one, with projects ranging from an energy efficiency retrofit of the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club building in the St. Ambrose Senior Community in Baltimore City, to supporting the efforts of the National Association of American Veterans to weatherize homes of low to moderate income veterans in Prince George's County.

"The Maryland Energy Administration is thrilled to be able to help hundreds of Maryland families reduce their energy bills with investments in their homes that will save them money today and for years to come," commented MEA Director Malcolm Woolf, "This marks yet another big step forward in meeting Governor O'Malley's *EmPOWER Maryland* goal of 15% reduced energy consumption by 2015."

Round two funding in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million is currently available for projects in counties that have not yet exhausted their formula-based portion of the grants. Each Maryland county and Baltimore City was provided an allocation based on the number of low-to-moderate income households residing in the respective area. A listing of all grants awarded in round one, along with a county by county guide to available funding for round two, is detailed below. Guidelines for the grant program are on the MEA webpage: <http://www.energy.state.md.us/incentives/state-local/empowercleanenergycommunities.asp>

Funding for the program comes from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, which was created from public auctions of carbon credits through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

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### **Round One Grant Awards:**

## Low-to-Moderate Income Energy Efficiency Grants

**Arundel Community Development Services    Anne Arundel County \$191,500**

Arundel Community Development Services will complete energy efficiency retrofits on sixteen affordable housing units in Galesville, MD.

**Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis      Anne Arundel County \$15,000**

The Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis will receive a \$15,000 grant to enable an energy efficiency retrofit of the Bates Boys and Girls Club's HVAC and lighting systems. The retrofit will reduce operating costs, allowing the Club to increase services to the low-to-moderate income youth who attend the club.

<b>Baltimore City Department of General Services</b>	<b>Baltimore City \$177,000</b>
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The Baltimore City Department of General Services Energy Office will leverage this grant to install ENERGY STAR qualified gas furnaces in low-to-moderate income homes undergoing weatherization. Funding will also be used to make building shell and roof repairs, enabling further weatherization services.

**Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning**    **Baltimore City \$190,865**

The Energy Plus program will deliver energy audits and interventions to one hundred (100) low-to-moderate income households at the same time the homes are receiving Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sponsored environmental interventions through the Coalition's Safe at Home Healthy Homes Program and Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP).

<b>Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>\$40,350</b>
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The Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HBECAC) will rehabilitate ten (10) vacant homes in the Madison East End and Milton Montford neighborhoods of Baltimore City to achieve a rating of ENERGY STAR or better efficiency rating.

<b>St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>\$30,785</b>
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St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center will leverage their grant to enable air sealing and insulation upgrades at the 28-unit St. Martin's affordable rental apartment complex.

**Diversified Housing Development      Baltimore County      \$300,000**

Diversified Housing will audit and weatherize 50 homes in Baltimore County.

<b>Jewish Community Services</b>	<b>Baltimore County</b>	<b>\$10,139</b>
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Jewish Community Services will conduct energy audits and install energy conservation measures at six residential homes for disabled adults.

<b>St. Ambrose Housing</b>	<b>Baltimore County</b>	<b>\$59,107</b>
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This grant will enable energy efficiency measures to be installed at the 70-unit Aigburth Vale Senior Community.

<b>Hindman Foundation/First Global Vision</b>	<b>Carroll County</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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This grant will enable First Global Vision to provide energy tools and outreach to low-to-moderate income residents of Carroll County.

**City of Frederick Department of Planning      Frederick County      \$90,824**

As part of the “Keeping Frederick Green” program, the City of Frederick will use grant funds to help low-to-moderate income homeowners make energy efficiency upgrades on family housing units.

<b>Interfaith Housing Alliance</b>	<b>Frederick County</b>	<b>\$12,680</b>
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This \$12,680 grant will enable an energy efficiency retrofit at the twenty three (23) unit Broadway senior living facility.

Community Living Inc.	Frederick County	\$10,536
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Community Living is going to use the MEA grant to enable insulation and other energy efficiency measures in a home housing three developmentally disabled individuals.

**Volunteer Frederick Frederick County \$6,000**

Volunteer Frederick will run a community education effort focused on energy efficiency.

**Garrett County Community Action Committee Garrett County \$50,000**

The Garrett County Community Action Committee will use the \$50,000 grant to help purchase energy efficient appliances for a new thirty-six (36) unit low income housing development currently being constructed.

**City of Aberdeen Harford County \$26,650**

The City of Aberdeen will install energy efficiency measures in low-to-moderate income homes.

**Community Action Council of Howard County Howard County \$83,000**

The Community Action Council of Howard County will enable deep energy retrofits in ten (10) low income homes.

**Rebuilding Together Montgomery County \$78,101**

The Montgomery County chapter of Rebuilding Together will leverage the MEA grant to enable energy efficiency retrofits to be incorporated into thirty (30) homes being updated during the organization's "Rebuilding Days".

**Revitz House Montgomery County \$50,913**

This grant will enable lighting and HVAC energy efficiency measures to be completed on Revitz House, a retirement facility containing two hundred and fifty (250) senior apartments.

**United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) Prince George's County \$350,000**

UCAP will leverage the MEA grant to weatherize homes in Prince George's County. Potential weatherization measures include air sealing, insulating, and HVAC improvements.

**National Association of American Veterans Prince George's County \$140,000**

The National Association of American Veterans will leverage the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program to install energy efficiency measures in the homes of low-to-moderate income Maryland veterans.

**Queen Anne's County Housing Authority Queen Anne's County \$50,000**

This project will enable the installation of high efficiency heat pumps in ten (10) low income housing units.

**Hagerstown Light Department Washington County \$20,000**

The Hagerstown Light Department will leverage this grant to distribute compact fluorescent lighting to low-to-moderate income residents within this service territory.

**Maryland Coastal Bays Program Worcester County \$5,380**

In cooperation with the Town of Berlin's Electrical Utility, this grant will enable the distribution of energy efficiency tools to low-to-moderate income residents who participate in the utility's home energy assessment program.

**Round Two Dollar Amounts (by County)**

i. Allegany	\$54,500
ii. Anne Arundel	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
iii. Baltimore City	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
iv. Baltimore County	\$52,054
v. Calvert County	\$50,000
vi. Caroline County	\$50,000
vii. Carroll County	\$59,000
viii. Cecil County	\$50,000
ix. Charles County	\$69,500
x. Dorchester County	\$50,000

xi.	Frederick County	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
xii.	Garrett County	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
xiii.	Harford County	\$79,850
xiv.	Howard County	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
xv.	Kent County	\$50,000
xvi.	Montgomery County	\$308,986
xvii.	Prince George's County	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
xviii.	Queen Anne's County	\$0 (all awarded in Round 1)
xix.	St. Mary's County	\$50,000
xx.	Somerset County	\$50,000
xxi.	Talbot County	\$50,000
xxii.	Washington County	\$66,000
xxiii.	Wicomico County	\$56,000
xxiv.	Worcester County	\$44,620

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